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MACHINE MONITOR )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner:

The applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment in the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. The applicants additionally request consideration of the remarks presented in this preliminary amendment.